

To: North Cowichan Regional Authorities, Tri City Canada, its Consultants, Suppliers and Contracted Partners

From: Stuart Gerber – VP Asset Management

Date: April 15, 2020

Subject: The Hamlets at Duncan - Designation as an Essential Service Project

Valued Partners:

Building Healthcare infrastructure has always been important work, and never more so than today while we grapple as a society to deal effectively with the Corona Virus and COVID-19.

Attached is an ‘essential service designation’ letter from Island Health to all parties working to ready The Hamlets at Duncan for occupancy, to provide you the support you may need to ensure that throughout your organization this project remains at the highest possible level of priority. In a time where workplace safety and travel must be so closely balanced against proactively preparing for an ongoing fight against this virus, we are extremely grateful for Island Health’s support in this manner, and hope that it helps each of you as you allocate resources and your project priorities.

Thank you very much for everyone’s keen attention to ensuring that the worksite remains safe for all who are attending, and for all your efforts at ensuring we keep The Hamlets at Duncan construction project progressing as quickly and efficiently as possible. Together we will get through this and provide a badly needed residence to aid Island Health in caring for its constituents and our neighbors.

If anyone has questions or concerns please contact Dan Hicks at of Tri City (dan@tricitycanada.ca, 778-242-0423) or me (stu@hhtotalcare.com, 778-240-8994).

Sincerely,

Stuart Gerber

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everywhere, every time.



April 14, 2020

Attn: Managers, Subcontractors, Trades and Suppliers

RE: Hamlets at Duncan – Deemed Essential Services

In these extraordinary times, an effective response to the Coronavirus pandemic is the key objective of our health system and society. Timely construction of healthcare facilities is essential to an effective health systems response.

The Construction of The Hamlets at Duncan, with the addition of 80 government- funded Long-term Care (LTC) beds, has been **deemed essential service**. This expedited construction is part of our COVID-19 pandemic response. Through your hard work, we are hopeful that early occupancy will be achievable. The health and safety of your staff is a priority for us. We will work with you to identify steps you can take to mitigate the risk of illness your staff faces by continuing to work.

We thank you for your contribution to Island Health’s pandemic response.

Sincerely,

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Chief Medical Health Officer